Docket No. CÉRTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" (37 CFR 1.10) Applicant(s): Kimberly Kuhlman et al. CIT.PAU.39A Serial No. Filing Date Examiner Group Art Unit Unassigned Filed Herewith Nguyen, Kiet Tuan 2881 AMETHOD OF SAMPLE PREPARATION FOR ATOM PROBES AND SOURCE OF SPECIMENS Invention JUL 1 7 2004 I hereby certify that the following correspondence: Continued prosecution application request transmittal, continuation application, 9 sheets of formal drawings, check (\$737.00), postcard, IDS transmittal and copies of IDS, Preliminary Amendment, unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney, Certificate of Express Mail (Identify type of correspondence) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 16, 2004 (Date) Jo Ann Breen (Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence) Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence) EV 438019501 US ("Express Mail" Mailing Label Number) Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing.

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